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UPDATE ON THE WALL OF FAME

As I write this article it is only 24 hours until the bids are due in for our WALL. It is an exciting time for me as this is the first time I have been involved in this type of project. We have been advised that there will be at least seven bidders and we are hoping to have all details worked out so that actual construction will begin as soon as the students leave the campus for the holiday break on or about December 10, 1999.

While we do not know the exact dollar amount we will need, we would encourage those who have not participated to please contribute as soon as possible. As of today we have monies and pledges in the amount of $206,491. We need to have the full cost amount before we actually break ground. Remember, these donations are 100% deductible.

--Gordon Polofsky, Chairman
The Wall of Fame Committee

BITS AND PIECES

Membership Renewal. September is the month for membership renewal. If you have not returned your membership form and dues we remind you to do so.

"T" Club Officers and Board. For those who missed the recent list of officers and board members, we are printing them one more time.

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Lettermen's Fall Weekend. Don't forget our lettermen's weekend - Nov. 26-27. A few UT vs Vandy tickets remain for lettermen.

Oldest Living Lettermen. In a letter received recently from Jack Haynes (WR '35-37) we have learned that Lawrence Austin is deceased. We now believe Justice William Fones, birthday 10/6/17, is our oldest living golf letterman. We are still attempting to identify the oldest living letterman in boxing.

LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO "THE WALL"

Name	Year	Sport	
Abernathy, Les	75-81	GF Assoc	
Aitchison, Bret	79	FB	
Bemiller, Jim		TK Assoc	
Bemiller, Missy	73-77	WTK,WCC	
Blair, Don	47-50	BS	
Cunningham, Rory	80		FB
DeLucca, Jerry	54-55	FB	
Downey, Dr. Pat	62-63	FB	
Farrar, Scot	76-77	FB	
Garner, Hugh	52-54	FB	
Gaylor, Bobby	84-86	BS	
Hardy, Audry	69-71	TK,CC	
Jenkins, Lee	80-82	FB	
Jensen, David	70-71	TK	
Masters, Mike	85-88	SW	
McGrath, Barrett	79		GF
Painter, Dr. Max W.	59-60,62	BS	
Reneau, J. E.	47,50	GF	
Stokely, William B., III	59-61	FB Assoc	
Trubits, Frank	49-51	FB	
Wampler, Chris	80-82	FB	
Watson, Curt	69-71	FB	
Wolfe, Dennis	76-78	FB	

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

OUR HIGHEST HONOR

About this time each year, the "T" Club Board of Directors undertakes one of its most difficult tasks - identifying those worthy of inclusion into our organization as an honorary letterman. To date, nineteen (19) have been so honored - fifteen (15) are current members. Many have been nominated, but these nineteen (19) have stood out for their exemplary service to The University of Tennessee Athletics Department.

This is not an award about who can contribute the most money to the university or who is the football team's biggest fan. It is an award earned from the heart and soul of the individuals who receive it. And much to the gratification of the "T" Club, those that have become honorary lettermen have expressed their appreciation many times over. If you don't believe me, just walk up to Bill Petty. He was nominated and confirmed as an honorary letterman in 1996 and not a day goes by that Bill does not wear his letterman's pin on his lapel. Frankly, I often forget to put my pin on. As President, you can imagine my embarrassment as Bill walks by me in the courthouse and gives me that knowing look about my failure. However, like many other lettermen, I take pride in Bill's embracing of our award.

Of the others that have been honored, I could write volumes. Judy Constantine has raised more young men than the head of the largest orphanage. Many a football player have said that the highlight of their career was hearing the rebroadcast of John Ward excitedly commenting on their efforts. Tim Kerin was near and dear to many of us. I personally credit Tim with keeping me remotely functioning my freshman year (Yes Coach Bussard, the track workouts did not agree with me). Others, such as Captain Jim Rowan, Haywood Harris and Dr. Bob Rubright are well known to us and virtually every UT athlete can relate at least one story about all of our honorary members.

Please search your hearts and minds for those worthy of this designation. It is truly our highest award and serves to bring within our ranks those who belong. Our nomination period is now. If you know of someone, please send a short statement of why they should be elected as an honorary member and they will be considered. The honorary members are presented each year at the Lettermen's Fall Weekend (Vanderbilt football game) and usually during one men's home basketball game. And by the way, for the person who has nominated Steve Spurrier because he is from Johnson City.....just kidding.

—Don Bosch

NOTE: *A ballot was printed in the last issue of Smokey's Tale.*

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CHAMPS Program

Vols Career Network

Talent, drive and dedication are the combined qualities that make a student a candidate for academic and athletic participation at the University of Tennessee. Once those qualities have been demonstrated, the Men's Athletic Department is committed to a program that will develop the leadership potential of all student-athletes as they further their education, develop their athletic skills, and prepare for rewarding careers. The Office of Student Life provides assistance with many areas of the career seeking process.

As Director of the Career Development program, Vincent Martin works closely with the University's Resource Center to maximize the resource potential available to University of Tennessee athletes. In creating the Vols Career Network, the goal is to design a program to assist student-athletes in identifying companies with employment opportunities that match their career plans and interests. With you as a potential employer of University of Tennessee student-athletes, this program will allow for a new and effective means of communicating and networking.

Your support of this program will be greatly appreciated and, more importantly, have a tremendous impact on the futures of Tennessee student-athletes.

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Disciplined - These athletes understand that desire alone will not lead to success, but maintaining strict diets, work out agendas, competitions, social lives, and academics together will lead to success.

The University of Tennessee Men's Athletic Department is committed to the total development of its student-athletes. Our student-athletes will be committed to the total development of your business, as you are the gateway to their careers.

NCAA Compliance

Your participation in the Vols Career Network is greatly appreciated; however, your involvement requires adherence to all NCAA rues and regulations. Special caution must be exercised in reference to NCAA Bylaw 6.02.3, the "extra benefit" rule. No special arrangements are to be made by a representative of the institutions athletic interests that would allow a student-athlete or his/her parents or friends a benefit not authorized by NCAA legislation.

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Vols 17, Tigers 16...

Vols Take 11th Hour Win Over Memphis

Shields-Watkins Field, Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 25, 1999 (Game No. 1032, 692-287-53, 696)

This was a little too close for comfort. But, when all the chips were on the table, Tennessee, which has been in this situation once or twice since football started on the Hill in 1891, came off the mat to march 78 yards for a score and take a 17-16 win over Memphis on Homecoming Day 1999.

The clock high above Shields-Watkins Field read 3:20 to go in the fourth quarter. Memphis led 16-10. Things were a bit testy, to say the least.

The Vols had the ball on the UT 22, 78 yards away from the Promised Land, way down at the north end. The other end of the field looked like it was in another area code. It was time for somebody to make a big play. Who might it be?

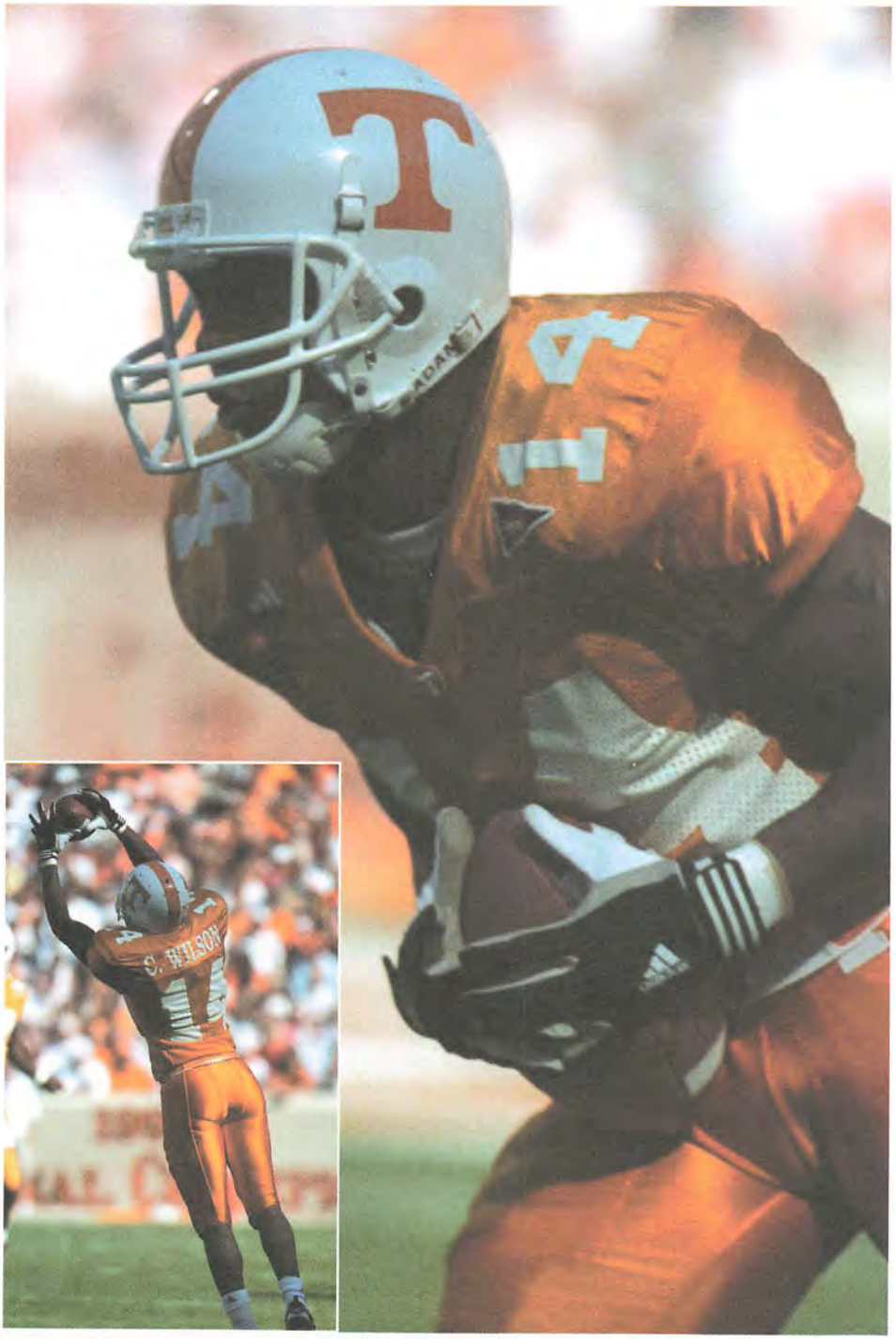
You might have expected it to be Tee Martin, Jamal Lewis or Cedrick Wilson and you would at least be partially correct. After all, the winning score eventually came on a 15-yard toss from Tee to Cedrick, on a nifty throw and an even better catch.

A few plays earlier, with the ball on the Vol 41 and time working against the good guys, here came Tee rolling to the far side and escaping a sack when Lewis knocked an onrushing Tiger out of the way. Tee had just enough room to get the pass off.

He flung the spheroid far down the east sideline and sent Vol fans scurrying to their game programs to fins out who No. 11 is. He is Statesville, N.C.'s Bobby Graham, and he ended up with the ball at the Memphis 6.

Going back to the 1999 press guide, it was receivers coach Pat Washington who said of Graham, "Bobby is willing and able to do anything that will help the team."

Graham was right there when he was needed and made the catch to get the Vols in a position to get the win. It was, by any standard, a big play by a



WR Cedrick Wilson had a career-high 10 receptions against Memphis, but none was bigger than the 15-yard TD reception that tied the game with just 1:00 to go. Wilson also returned kickoffs and had one punt return.

receiver the Vols needed to step up and step up big.

"All I knew was I wasn't going to drop the pass," Graham said. "I wasn't going to let it slip through my fingers. I couldn't face losing another game."

Two plays later, Tee found Cedrick for the game-tying score with a minute to go. Young Alex Walls, the Bristol, Va., freshman pressed into service when Robert Loudermilk was declared out for the season with a stress fracture in his back, knocked home the game-winning PAT.

"The guys made it up in their minds to score, and that's what we did," Tee said. "The team responded, drove down the field, and scored a touchdown."

A crowd of 107,261, fifth largest in UT history, saw the game in Gen. Neyland's stadium. Not that the verdict came easy. Not in the least.

The Vols scored early on a 69-yard punt return by Eric Parker, also at the north end, and really didn't get much else done offensively until the last drive of the game. Walls had a third quarter field goal at the south end and that was pretty much it on that side of the ball.

Wilson caught 10 passes for 88 yards on the day, none bigger than his TD grab in the waning moments. For Memphis native Cedrick, it was a moment to remember, a moment to savor.

The frantic finish brought back memories of Bubba Wyche against Georgia in 1968, Ed Morgan, Andy Kozar, Herky Payne and mates against Alabama in 1950 or perhaps even the 1998 Arkansas game, perhaps the ultimate Vol comeback.

It was a magic moment when Graham grabbed the ball from Tee on the far side, bringing some Vol fans back from the exits and raising the noise level in the stadium by the river to ear-splitting levels. It was that noisy.

Memphis had dominated the game to that point and seemed poised to take a 16-10 decision, its second consecutive victory against their cross-state rivals and first in three tries against the SEC in 1999, before Tee Martin and friends got it done in the final hectic moments. It was a shocking turn of events, regardless of the team (or fans) you might have asked after the game.

The Vols surprised everyone and made a prophet of Florida coach Steve Spurrier (albeit a week late) by showing up in Orange pants, first time for the

WHAT OTHERS SAID...

"Seventh-ranked Tennessee took its time but finally shrugged off the effects of a 23-21 loss to Florida and rallied here Saturday for a 17-16 victory over upstart Memphis. It was like slipping through the ropes a second before the final bell of a four-round exhibition with Freddy Kruger on Friday the 13th. It started off ugly and got progressively worse until that final minute. The Vols came out with orange pants and orange jerseys -- for the first time since a 28-20 loss to Alabama in 1988 -- and stumbled and fumbled for the better part of four quarters before finally putting down the upset-minded Tigers and avenging a 21-17 loss to them in Memphis in 1996."

Ward Gossett, Chattanooga Times & Free Press

"It wasn't a particularly special play, nothing that occupied a prime spot in the playbook or had been drawn up on a chalkboard on the sideline. The Tennessee offense runs the slant pattern over the middle all the time. No big deal. But late in Saturday night's 17-16 win over Memphis, it was the most important play in the Volunteers' repartee. That's because it was the play that Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin called to complete a 15-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Cedrick Wilson and pull out a win where before had been a loss."

Tony Pettis, Maryville Daily Times

"The pilot light was flickering on No. 7-ranked Tennessee's season last night in Neyland Stadium. But the Vols' defense and the most unlikely of heroes, sophomore receiver Bobby Graham, wouldn't allow it to expire. Graham's 53-yard catch set up Tee Martin's 15-yard touchdown pass to Cedrick Wilson with a minute to play as Tennessee escaped 17-16 in a game Memphis won everywhere but the scoreboard."

Chris Low, The Tennessean

"Had it not been for one of those bolts of orange lightning that sometimes occur at Neyland Stadium -- a 53-yard Hail Vol pass from Tee Martin to Bobby Graham in the last two minutes -- Tennessee would have been toast. No, that wasn't Clint Stoerner defending the pass. I checked. But the way this one fell together at the end was somehow reminiscent of last year's Arkansas game, where an unforced fumble by a stumbling quarterback factored mightily into UT's national championship season."

David Climer, The Tennessean

"It was turn-back-the-clock day Saturday at Neyland Stadium. Tennessee broke out the orange pants for a home game for the first time since 1988. Then the Vols broke out their 11th-hour heroics for the first time since, well, 1998. And in doing so, they barely avoided breaking out in sobs at the horror of reliving 1996's loss to the Memphis Tigers. A year ago, a penchant for dramatic rallies carried Tennessee to a national championship. As for Saturday's 17-16 win over 31-point underdog Memphis, it should at least prevent a line from forming at the railing of the Henley Street Bridge."

Mike Strange, Knoxville News-Sentinel

"The Tigers, who scored a 21-17 victory in the teams' last meeting three years ago in Memphis, earned the respect of virtually everyone with a stout defense that limited the defending national champions to 10 first downs and 216 total yards. The Memphis offense made some opportunistic big plays, the biggest being Neil Suber's 82-yard touchdown pass to Ken Coutain in the third quarter, but not enough to avoid the eventual outcome and a painful sense of loss."

Dan Fleser, Knoxville News-Sentinel

Vols escape upset in 17-16 triumph...

Vols since the 1992 Vanderbilt game and first time at home in Orange on Orange since the 1988 Alabama game. Talk about your shocked looks across the expanse of Neyland Stadium.

The Vols held off several forays into their end of the field to field goals and limited the Tigers to 290 net yards and 12 first downs. One critical series came when the Tigers, leading 13-10, had the ball first-and-goal at the Vol 6 and couldn't get it in. Three plays later, the Tigers could only get it to the UT 4.

Mikki Allen led the way defensively with 11 tackles and had an interception in the end zone. He started in place of normal starter Fred White, who was out with illness.

"Any time a team gets in our red zone, we want to hold them to three-and-out. All our guys are aware of protecting the goal line," Allen said.

Eric Westmoreland had five tackles, including three for losses. Shaun Ellis had two sacks and Darwin Walker added another. Dwayne Goodrich added another oskie just before halftime.

"That was a perfect call by Coach Sanders. Tee and I told the offensive line if you give us time we can make the play. Tee made a perfect throw and I made the catch. I tip my hat to the offensive line for stepping up big. I knew the play was going to work. It was just a matter of execution."
--Wide receiver Cedrick Wilson on his touchdown catch

For his part, David Leaverton, inheriting kickoff duties after Loudermilk's injury, put three kickoffs inside the 20 and averaged 43.7 on seven punts. He was part of the winning edge today.

There were, however, more than enough anxious moments, as Vol fans worried that another 1996 Memphis result might be in the offing. That was a troublesome thought for Vol fans wherever they might have been.

Tee and friends took care of that little matter with but a minute to spare. That, friends, is why you have to play these Volunteers for 60 minutes. As Memphis coach Rip Scherer noted after the game, Tennessee "...has players who make the big plays they have to. A good team will find a way to win."

That's exactly what the Vols did.

--Volunteers Magazine Staff

Tennessee's defense kept the Vols in the game. Shaun Ellis (above left) sacks Memphis QB Neil Suber, while a Memphis running back finds no running room against the Vol defensive front.

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Florida	1	0	4	0
Georgia	1	0	3	0
Vanderbilt	1	1	3	1
Tennessee	0	1	2	1
Kentucky	0	1	2	2
S. Carolina	0	2	0	4
WEST				
Alabama	2	0	3	1
Miss. State	1	0	4	0
Mississippi	1	1	3	1
Auburn	1	1	3	1
Arkansas	0	1	2	1
LSU	0	1	2	1

(As of Sept. 26)

SEC Scores

Ole Miss Rebels 24
Aluburn Tigers 17 OT

Central Florida Golden Knights 23
Georgia Bulldogs 24

Arkansas Razorbacks 28
Alabama Crimson Tide 35

South Carolina Gamecocks 0
Mississippi State Bulldogs 17

Vanderbilt Commodores 31
Duke Blue Devils 14

Florida Gators 38
Kentucky Wildcats 10

LSU Tigers - Open

RANKINGS (AP & USA Today/ESPN):
UT 7 & 7, UM Not Ranked

GAME NOTES

With two interception, the Vols have least one interception in their last eight games. UT now has seven interceptions on the season, the most since the 1990 season when they recorded eight through the first three games.

The last time a Vol returned a punt for a score came when Terry Fair returned an Arkansas punt 86 yards in 1996.

The Vols' Homecoiming record is now 58-15-3 with today's victory. The Vols have now won 16 straight Homecoming contests.

Tennessee's defense has not allowed a rushing TD this season, extending its streak to seven consecutive regular season games without a rushing TD.

Statistics - Tennessee vs. Memphis

Team Statistics	T	
First Downs	10	12
Rushing	5	5
Passing	4	6
Penalty	1	1
Rushing Attempts	38	32
Yards Gained	84	96
Yards Lost	40	34
Net Yards Rushing	44	62
Net Yards Passing	172	228
Passes Attempted	28	25
Passes Completed	15	10
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	60	63
Total Net Yards	216	290
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	3-1
Int. Return/Yards	2-0	1-21
Penalties/Yards	7-48	14-88
Third Down Conversions	4-16	4-17
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Punts/Average	7-43.7	7-45.1
Punt Returns/Yards	5-113	2-12
Kickoff Returns/Yards	4-72	3-44
Sacks By/Yards	3-20	2-14
Time of Possession	26:59	33:01

SCORE BY QUARTER

MEMPHIS	0	3	7	6 — 16
TENNESSEE	7	0	3	7 — 17

SCORING SUMMARY

1T - Parker, punt return 69. Walls kick.
Drive: 3:30 on clock.
2M - White, FG 32.
Drive: 5 yards, 4 plays. 1:31 possession, 13:33 on clock.
3T - Walls, FG 37.
Drive: 17 yards, 8 plays, 2:59 possession, 6:30 on clock.
3M - Coutain, pass from Suber 82. White kick.
Drive: 87 yards, 4 plays, 1:49 possession, 4;41 on clock.
4M - White, FG 34.
Drive: 36 yards, 7 plays, 3:06 possession, 14:54 on clock.
4M - White, FG 21.
Drive: 25 yards, 8 plays, 4:05 possession, 3:20 on clock.
4T - Wilson, pass from Martin 15. Walls kick.
Drive: 78 yards, 7 plays, 2:20 possession, 1:00 on clock.

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Lewis	16	45	0	45	0	9
T. Martin	9	31	14	17	0	17
Henry	3	8	2	6	0	5
Team	4	0	24	-24	0	0
Totals	***32***	***84***	***40***	***44***	***0***	***17***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	28	15	1	172	1	53
Totals	***28***	***15***	***1***	***172***	***1***	***53***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
C. Wilson	10	88	1	27
Graham	2	57	0	53
D. Stallworth	1	14	0	14
Lewis	1	8	0	8
Parker	1	5	0	5
Totals	***15***	***172***	***1***	***52***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Leaverton	7	306	43.7	54
Totals	***7***	***306***	***43.7***	***54***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Wilson	1	12	12	0	12
Parker	4	101	25.3	1	69
Totals	***5***	***113***	***22.6***	***1***	***69***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Wilson	3	50	16.7	0	30
Goodrich	1	22	22.0	0	22
Totals	***4***	***72***	***18.0***	***0***	***30***

INT RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Goodrich	1	0	0	0
Allen	1	0	0	0
Totals	***2***	***0***	***0***	***0***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+
Walls		1-1	0-1		
Totals		***1-1***	***0-1***		

MEMPHIS INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Arnold	18	62	10	52	0	10
Riley	5	16	0	16	0	7
Bailey	5	13	1	12	0	9
Sanders	2	1	0	1	0	1
Anglin	2	2	2	0	0	2
Dodson	1	0	1	-1	0	0
Suber	5	2	20	-18	0	1
Totals	***38***	***96***	***34***	***62***	***0***	***10***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Suber	23	9	1	222	1	82
Anglin	2	1	1	6	0	6
Totals	***25***	***10***	***2***	***228***	***1***	***82***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Coutain	3	116	1	82
Dodson	2	47	0	43
Sermon	2	44	0	28
Kendall	1	13	0	13
Arnold	1	6	0	6
Bailey	1	2	0	2
Totals	***10***	***228***	***1***	***82***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Cande	7	316	45.1	56
Totals	***7***	***316***	***45.1***	***56***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Dodson	2	12	6.0	0	10
Totals	***2***	***12***	***6.0***	***0***	***10***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Coutain	2	34	17.0	0	17
Dodson	1	10	10.0	0	10
Totals	***3***	***44***	***14.7***	***0***	***17***

INT RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Powell	1	21	0	21
Totals	***1***	***21***	***0***	***21***

FGS	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+
White	1-1	2-2			
Totals	***1-1***	***2-2***			

Fulmer File...

MEMPHIS GAME 1999

Facing back-to-back Southeastern Conference opponents at home, we need to use the narrow victory over Memphis as a learning experience that will prepare us for Auburn and Georgia.

When I told the team before the game that I didn't care whether our winning margin was one point or 50, I didn't expect them to take me literally. Understandably, after the game we had a happy dressing room because of the dramatic fashion in which we bounced back to claim the win, 17-16.

Coming back from the tough loss to Florida, I realized we were in for a bruising game against a Memphis team that can give you fits on defense.

Football is 99 percent emotion, and I believe we left a lot of our emotion at Florida. Maybe the way we won against Memphis will get us over the hump.

In mentioning emotion, I am in no way taking anything away from Memphis for the spirited performance the Tigers gave. Coach Rip Scherer and his staff had a well-conceived game plan that tested our resilience to the maximum.

Thank goodness for Bobby Graham whose catch for 53 yards on our winning drive saved the day for us and the 107,000 fans who turned out on a gorgeous day for Homecoming.

Bobby stepped up, answering our quest for some receiving help behind Cedrick Wilson. It was a beautifully executed pass from Tee Martin to Graham. Then that old reliable combination, Martin to Wilson, took the ball into the end zone.

With Robert Loudermilk out with a back injury, young Alex Walls stepped in like a veteran to kick the extra point that gave us the one-point margin. Alex works hard every day to be the best he can be. He had himself ready for this day.

We've got to look at our offensive problems in an open-minded way, figure out what to do and then fix it. I am concerned about third-down production, which Saturday produced only four first downs on 16 tries. A twenty-five percent conversion rate is not good enough. But I'm also concerned about first and second down production. The offense is obviously out of sync.

We have to get better on offense. We are not where we need to be or are capable of being.

The defense simply wouldn't let us lose this game. I am extremely proud of our entire defense They just kept us in the game over and over.

And David Leaverton's work as punter and kickoff man was a field position key for us. The whole punt unit did an incredible job, protecting David and then hustling downfield to prevent long returns. David is maturing and becoming the David Leaverton we were expecting when we recruited him out of Midland, Texas.

The Memphis game will be good for us. It can help us if we are the right kind of people and learn from it. Everything I see from the 1999 Vols indicates we are the kind of people who will take an experience like this one and use it to our advantage.

We are going to face an Auburn team Saturday that is a quality opponent despite its overtime loss to Ole Miss. The Tigers are good on defense with several players back from last year. They have improved greatly on offense. The SEC run is a tough stretch but no different from any other year. It's when your season is made.

I hope you will give us your complete support in the two games that precede our next open date.

—Phillip Fulmer

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Ben Byrd on the Vols...

60th Anniversary of Greatness

The 1999 season marks the 60th anniversary of one of the greatest achievements in University of Tennessee football history. The stalwart Vols of 1939 battled their way through a ten-game season without yielding their opponents a single point. That feat has not been equaled since in major college football, and as the game moves steadily toward more emphasis on the offense, the odds are that it will not be matched in the future.

1939 was the middle year of Bob Neyland's greatest era of a distinguished career at Tennessee. Neyland's 1938, '39 and '40 teams all went unbeaten and untied, a feat that is still unmatched in UT grid history. Longtime Vol watchers are in some disagreement about which was the best of those three teams. Some say the '38 team, which won the Orange Bowl game in addition to the regular season sweep. Others point to the '39 team on the strength of its unsullied end zone, even though that team lost in the Rose Bowl. It is, of course, a matter that will never be settled once and for all, but certainly the '39 Vols made a unique mark in the history of the college game.

On paper the '38 and '39 teams look much alike. There were only three changes in the starting lineup from the year before when the '39 Vols launched their season with a 13-0 triumph over North Carolina State at Raleigh on the afternoon of Sept. 20. Juniors Ed Cifers and Jimmy Coleman had replaced departed ends George Hunter and Captain Bowden Wyatt. Senior Boyd Clay had moved into the tackle position vacated by the graduated Bob Woodruff. The rest of the first eleven remained the same - junior Abe Shires at the other tackles, juniors Bob Suffridge and Ed Molinski at guards, senior Jim Rike at center, and a backfield composed of senior blocking back Captain Sam Bartholomew, senior George Cafego at tailback, junior Bob Foxx at wingback and senior Leonard Coffman at fullback.

This was still an era of two-way football when players had to perform on both offense and defense, and Neyland deployed a second eleven that played perhaps one-third of the game. That group included some very fine players in their own right, such as sophomore tackle Don Edmiston, who was to figure largely in the scoreless defensive record later on in the season. And by this time in his coaching tenure, the Hall of Fame coach had gotten around to using three tailbacks to make sure he had a fresh mind and body in that vital position, and backups sophomore Johnny Butler and junior Buist Warren were also to play key roles in the undefeated season.

Alabama was Tennessee's arch enemy in those days, and Neyland made sure he didn't overextend his troops prior to that big game. Creampuff foes Sewanee (40-0) and Chattanooga (20-0) fell in uneventful warmups, and the Vols carried a 3-0 record into their Oct. 21 showdown with the Crimson Tide, also unbeaten and untied, at Shields-Watkins Field.

So much has been written about the game down through the years that it has become probably the most famous Tennessee football game of all time. Both radio networks and the national sports press were there to see these two Southern titans duke it out. UT fans got a scare in the first quarter when All-American Cafego suffered a leg injury and was sidelined for the rest of the day, but here Neyland's careful precautions saved the day. Butler, a former Knoxville High star, stepped into the tailback spot in the second quarter, running with the second unit, and thrilled the capacity crowd of about 40,000 with that serpentine 56-yard touchdown run that has since become legend. Except for that one bolt of brilliance, it was a rather routine sort of win for the Vols. They choked the Tide off at every turn in a 21-0 victory.

After a dull 17-0 conquest of yet another softie, Mercer, the Vols returned to the big leagues against a strong LSU team in Baton Rouge. As they often did, they played better against strong foes than they did against lesser ones as they downed the Bayou Bengals 20-0. Still another breather awaited them the following Saturday at Knoxville, but this one turned out to be a costly lark. Cafego went down with an injured knee during the 34-0 romp over the Citadel and, for all practical purposes, the great tailback's career had ended.

And so it came about that the '39 Vols were to face their greatest crisis on the afternoon of Nov. 18 at Shields-Watkins Field. The Vanderbilt Commodores were still arch rivals in those days, and were a pretty strong football team. They came to Knoxville breathing fire, quickly took charge of the situation, and put the favored Vols back on their heels from the outset. Late in the second quarter the visitors staged a determined drive toward the Vol endzone, and it appeared that Tennessee's proud string of holding all opponents scoreless was about to be shattered. With a first down at the Vol three, Vandy moved to the one with its first line thrust. Then came the play that held the scoreless streak in limbo for a couple of seconds. Vandy fullback Roy Huggins smashed off right tackle, where he was met by Vol tackle Edmiston and several of his second unit friends.

No one in the crowd could tell if Huggins had reached the endzone or not, but when the referee placed the ball down outside the goal line a great roar went up from the stands. Vandy then made the mistake of trying to go wide on an end around play, lost back to the five, and its big chance was gone. Huggins said later that he had crossed the goal.

"I got in, but they pushed me back, and in those days they didn't mark it as strictly by forward motion as they do now," said the Vandy star.

Once again Neyland's insistence on depth saved the day for the '39 Vols. Vandy's stout defense choked down the Vol rushing game for three quarters, but in the fourth period Neyland turned the attack over to Warren's strong passing arm. The junior tailback began to riddle the Commodore secondary with his dart-like throws, and the Vols were able to score two late TDs and escape with a 13-0 victory.

They then beat Kentucky 19-0 at Lexington and closed out the campaign with a 7-0 conquest of Auburn at Knoxville. The stubborn Tigers held them to their smallest margin of the season but did not threaten the Vol end zone as Vanderbilt had done.

Former Vol

Leonard Coffman (1937-39)

When *Sports Illustrated* was writing a story about the 1939 team last year (a team whose exploits are chronicled by Ben Byrd in the column left), the picture they used to illustrate the story was of Vol fullback/linebacker Leonard Coffman tackling, if that is the proper word, an LSU runner.

It was Coffman who once said, "To play for Tennessee you have to get wet all over," illustrating the effort Gen. Neyland and succeeding coaches have always expected from their charges.

Coffman played fullback for the Vols for three years at 5-11, 175, but was one tough cookie, according to those who were on the team with him.

He was not without his humorous side. When told once how good he looked for his age, he looked his friend in the eye and said, "If you think I look good now, you should have seen me 60 years ago."

He is now retired and lives in Greeneville. He's Leonard Coffman, a Volunteer legend.

Leonard Coffman (center) makes the stop against an LSU runner, who is more than willing to accomodate his would-be tackler.

A Look at Fall Baseball...

With six everyday starters and 15 lettermen returning, the 2000 season should be another exciting year in Volunteer baseball.

Freshman All-America's Chris Burke at second base and Stevie Daniel at shortstop anchor the middle infield, while senior Jeff Baumtrog, junior Justin Parker and sophomore Brandon Hopkins all return to the outfield for their second season. Junior Jeff Christensen looks to solidify his hold on first base after filling the designated hitter slot last season.

Burke was the leading hitter for the Vols last season with a .372 average, while breaking UT freshman marks for batting average, hits and doubles.

Daniel was steady in the hole and provided some pop with nine home runs to go along with a .346 average and 30 stolen bases.

Parker put up respectable numbers in his first full season in right field, while Baumtrog and Hopkins have blazing speed and the ability to come up with the great grab.

Christensen hit six home runs from the DH slot, while finding limited action in the outfield and first base.

The pitching staff gets a boost with two returning from injury, and the hopes that enough depth has been brought in that senior Jamie Bennett will not have to shoulder the load.

An ever-demanding schedule is in place once again for the Vols as they venture to regain the prosperity that they had in the mid-90s.

CATCHER-It will be a three-way race for the starting catcher position with two transfers and one veteran vying for the job. Sophomore Hal Bibee Jr. made 15 starts behind the dish last season and showed promise. He will be challenged by junior transfer John Massey from Ole Miss and Junior Giovanni Gras transfers from St. Thomas University an NAIA school in Florida after spending two years at Miami-Dade South Community College.

FIRST BASE-Junior Jeff Christensen (.326, 6 HR, 35 RBI), who has spent most of his career as a designated hitter, is looking to hold down a starting position job. Junior college transfers Kris Bennett from Jackson State Community College and Corey Murks, who played one year at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, Ala.

SECOND BASE-In many ways, Freshman All-America Chris Burke (.372, 2 HR, 41 RBI, 19 SB) is the heart and soul of the Volunteer defense. As the leading returning fielding second baseman in the SEC, he brings a solid glove while keeping his fellow infielders focused and in position.

SHORTSTOP-Sophomore Stevie Daniel (.346, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 30 SB), another Freshman All-America, is the incumbent at shortstop who possesses excellent speed, but must show improvement defensively. Bennett will get a long look by the coaching staff at getting some work behind Daniel

THIRD BASE-Bennett or Murks will likely play the hot corner should Christensen come up with the job at first base. Sophomore Kyle Hooker, who transfers from Kentucky, will also get a look at third, but is injured to begin fall practice.

OUTFIELD-Tennessee has the rare luxury of returning its entire starting outfield. Loaded with speed, this trio can track down any dying quail or gapper. Senior center fielder Jeff Baumtrog (.288, 4 HR, 34 RBI, 13 SB) returns to patrol the vast expanses of Lindsey Nelson Stadium. One of UT's fastest players is sophomore left fielder Brandon Hopkins (.279, 2 HR, 22 RBI), whose bat handling capabilities are exceptional, utilizes his fleet feet to set the table for the heart of UT's batting order.

The Vols' leading returning home run hitter is junior right fielder Justin Parker (.292, 10 HR, 53 RBI). Parker, who can also pitch, is a gifted athlete who gets a good jump on the ball and is solid with the leather.

Sophomore Ryan Moffett (.359, 12 HR, 48 RBI) joins the Vols after earning Big South Conference Rookie of the Year honors in 1999 as a center fielder. Junior Adam Smith (Cumming, Ga./Jefferson State CC) transfers in from the junior college ranks and will lend depth while being another lefty bat to insert in the lineup.

PITCHING-In what could be one of the deepest pitching staffs with quality arms at Tennessee in many years, the battle for time on the mound could be fierce. Leading the way is senior left-hander Jamie Bennett (11-5, 4.12 ERA, 142 SO) who was a second team All-SEC selection. The Vols also return two pitchers who are coming off of right shoulder surgery last season in senior Kurt Scott and junior Devon Nicholson. Scott (6-6, 5.10 ERA, 88 SO--1998 stats) spent over a year on the shelf but should return to challenge for a starting slot. Nicholson, recovering from the same surgery as Scott, is a competitive hurler with considerable experience as a starter.

Senior Marlyn Tisdale (4-9, 5.73 ERA, 89 SO) was the No. 2 starter last season, but will have to improve on his control to maintain that spot. Junior Jeremy Brown (5-5, 6.44 ERA, 52 SO) has prospered in the middle relievers role for most of his two year career with the occasional start.

Sophomore Wyatt Allen (1-2, 9.89 ERA), who struggled for a majority of his first year, showed promise in three solid starts to end last season. Senior Brad Love (1-0, 3.74 ERA, 2 Saves), who labored with an elbow injury during the early portion of the schedule, proved to be dependable in middle relief.

A litany of new pitchers will vie for the starting roles. Junior Joe Bertolino (Sacramento City CC) and sophomore Brian Gates (Sacramento State) each have starting experience at the junior college and Division I levels respectively. Two freshmen hurlers join the staff in Brandon Crowe (Johnson City, Tenn./Science Hill) and Judson Brownell (Kingsport, Tenn./Dobyns-Bennett). Crowe was Tennessee's Player of the Year in 1998 and Brownell was the Big Seven Conference Player of the Year in 1999.

—Jeff Muir

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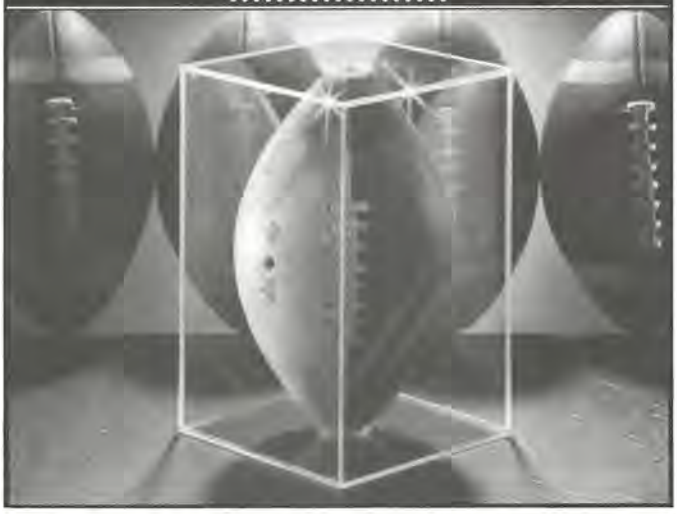

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Golf Team Finishes Third

Tennessee's golf team set out with some simple goals for the 1999-2000 season, but none more important than placing itself in a position to be selected to participate in the NCAA field next spring. They made that statement pretty clear last week.

The Vols fired rounds of 292-286-286--864, to finish the Cavalier Classic in third place. They finished seven strokes off leader Wake Forest, which fired an 857 to take team honors. But more importantly, the Vols carded their first par tournament since 1995.

They needed only a stroke to not only finish under par, but they would have tied host Virginia for runner-up honors also.

Sophomore Andy Brimer made a strong recovery after two sub-par days of 74 and 73, by coming back on the final day and shooting a 69 for a 216 total.

Senior Derrick Centers and freshman Clemons Conrad-Prader finished tied for 10th with a three-day total of 217.

Jay Morgan of Wake Forest made it a clean sweep for the Demon Deacons by claiming the medalist honors with a three round total of 70-68-72--210. Richmond's Ryan McLain finished in second with rounds of 72-72-69--213. Brian Wanner (214) - Wake Forest, James Driscoll (214) - Virginia and Buck Williams (214) - Wake Forest round out the top five. Brimer's 216 total was good enough for eighth-place, while Andrew Black fired a 218 for 15th-place and Andrew Pratt shot rounds of 72-75-73--220, good enough for a tie in the 23rd spot.

Coach Jim Kelson's golf squad finished third in their second tourney of the season.

The third place showing was an improvement from the previous week where the Vols opened their season with an eighth-place finish at The Ridges Intercollegiate. The Vols had to rally from a 12th-place position after round one to finish the tournament ahead of three of the nation's top teams (ETSU, North Carolina and Texas Christian). Oklahoma claimed the team title with rounds of 286-290-294--870.

Black led the Orange and White with rounds of 76-69-76--221, to tie for 16th. Brimer and Pratt finished in a tie for 31st with a 224 score while Centers finished with a score of 225. Prader rounded out the Vol scoring with rounds of 79-75-79--233 for a tie in 67th.

Next for Tennessee on the slate is the Carpet Capital Collegiate, formerly a spring tournament, on Oct. 1 and 2.

—Elizabeth Cross

GMU Claims First Tennessee Bank Classic

George Mason claimed the second annual First Tennessee Bank Classic at the UT Soccer Complex on Sunday afternoon with a 4-1 triumph over Xavier.

In the other action, No. 24 Iowa State upended Tennessee, 1-0, on a goal at 25:50 by senior Lindsey Rector.

GMU junior Stephanie Hancock opened the scoring against Xavier at 25:19 with a header off a corner kick taken by senior Jaime Ricker. The assist from the midfielder was the 36th of her career, setting a new school record. The Muskeeters notched the equalizer only 1:25 later, as junior Annette Gruber converted a penalty kick following a George Mason handball infraction inside of the box.

Deadlocked at a goal apiece at the break, the Patriots moved ahead exactly four minutes into the second frame, as freshman Angela Lombardi scored off a deflection by XU freshman goalkeeper Anne Marie Schroer. The clubs battled back and forth for the duration of the half, before George Mason exploded for a pair of goals during the last 25 seconds of the match to seal the victory.

Sophomore Katy Robertson registered a breakaway goal at 89:35 on a feed from Hancock, and then classmate Carolyn Marin knocked in a shot from 12 yards off an assist by Robertson to complete the scoring. Tournament Most Valuable Player Naomi Hines of the Patriots made three saves in picking up the decision during her second career start.

In game two, Iowa State equaled a school record with its seventh straight win, a 1-0 blanking of host Tennessee. The defeat was the third in a row for head coach Charlie MacCabe and the Lady Volunteers after the team had broken into the national rankings for the first time ever last Tuesday.

The Cyclones notched the only goal of the match at 25:50, as Rector delivered a shot to the lower left of the net from around 18 yards out for her third goal of '99 past Lady Vol sophomore keeper Ellen Dean. Sophomore Janelle Beil picked up the assist on what would prove to be enough offense for ISU.

Sophomore goalkeeper Lynley Hilligoss made two saves in the team's fifth shutout of the season. The Cyclones outshot UT, 12-7, as the Orange were held scoreless for the second time in its last three matches. The forward duo of sophomore Allison Campbell (one shot) and junior Laura Lauter (zero attempts) were held in check repeatedly by a strong Iowa State defense.

Coach Charlie MacCabe's squad fell to GMU in the First Tennessee Bank Classic.

Tennessee resumed action Friday night in Lexington against the Kentucky Wildcats. The Lady Vols will be seeking to halt its three-match slide, but also improve to a perfect 3-0 in Southeastern Conference action. See page 6 for the results of that contest.

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VASF & Marketing News

Men's Basketball Parking Applications

The Athletic Development office mailed all basketball parking applications and renewals the week of Sept. 13. Please remit both the application and payment by Oct. 8 to ensure correct and timely processing of your application. Parking passes will again be sent via certified mail. If you have not received your application or renewal, contact Claire Stone in the Development office at (423) 974-1218.

VASF Day Set for Oct. 2

Oct. 2 has been slated as VASF Day, a day of recognition of the importance of VASF donors at Thompson-Boling Arena. The doors will open two and one-half hours prior to the Tennessee vs. Auburn game. Game time has not been set as of this time. It will either be played at 3:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Junior Vols

The Junior Vols kids club, sponsored by Chick-fil-A, is growing strong. This is a club designed for youngsters to offer them an opportunity to support the Volunteer athletic program in a unique myriad of ways.

Renewing members will receive a special Junior Vols lunch bag, perfect for toting club members' lunches.

Annual membership in the Junior Vols costs $25 and provides many benefits, from a newsletter (*Paw Prints*) to a birthday card from Smokey to special pre-game functions and tours of athletic facilities. Also included are a free T-Shirt and membership card, free admission to certain Tennessee home Olympic events and a host of special events designed for younger Volunteer fans. For more information, please contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734.

Recreational Vehicle Parking

The Athletic Department would like to remind all Volunteer fans traveling to Knoxville in a recreational vehicle to park in the designated lot by the World's Fair Park. Some donor-based RV parking is allowed on the Agricultural campus or by the Thompson-Boling Arena, but these are with the proper parking permits. The Blackstock lot, located off 11th Street, is well-lit, paved, secure, and offers many RV hookups. The lot opens at 3 p.m. Fridays before home games.

VASF Collegiate Club Corner

The VASF Collegiate Club, comprised of those Tennessee students who are active members in the VASF while still in school, has had quite a few exciting last couple of weeks.

Club members create the various signs that hang in the north end zone and around the rails of the Arena for various Volunteer home events. They also distribute shakers within the student sections at all home and within designated Tennessee sections at away contests.

The season started with members distributing 7,500 shakers within the student sections at Neyland Stadium for the Wyoming game.

Last week, 20 club members ventured to the Swamp to watch the Vols take on the Gators. They also distributed more than 4,000 shakers to Vol faithful by placing them on the seats Tennessee received.

This week, VASF CC members participated in the annual Homecoming parade and several members acted as chaperones for Knox Area Boys and Girls Clubs members at a Friday night celebration.

Saturday morning, they were at it again as they hung their signs and placed 7,500 shakers for the Memphis game.

Thanks CC members, for everything you do. You are the a part of the "winning edge."

Basketball Full Season Packages and Big Game Packages Available

Help *Crash the Party* this winter with the Tennessee men's basketball team. Coming off back-to-back 20-win seasons, head coach Jerry Green promises another exciting year, from the beaches of Puerto Rico to the hoopla surrounding the NCAA Tournament. The Vols' actions surrounding the turn of the millennium promise to turn some heads. There are two ticket packages available.

The first is the Full Season Pack. This is a season ticket to all 18 home games on the Vols' schedule in 1999-2000, including SEC foes Auburn, Kentucky and Arkansas. Full Season Packs are $208 each.

The other ticket, designed for those who can't make many mid-week games, is the Big Game Pack. It includes four games (three on Saturdays) and contains SEC opponents Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. Big Game Packs are $48 each.

Contact the Ticket office at (423) 656-1200 for ticket brochures and ordering information.

The 1999 Krystal Tip-Off Banquet

Get ready to tip off the 1999-2000 season with Tennessee head coaches Jerry Green and Pat Head Summitt October 14 at the Thompson-Boling Arena, beginning at 7 p.m. This year's featured speaker will be WNBA president Val Ackerman. The meal will be catered by Calhoun's and more information is available by contacting the women's Marketing office at (423) 974-0001.

Tickets are $25 per person, or $200 for a table seating eight (seven guests plus a Tennessee player or coach).

"Late Night with Pat & Jerry"

The men's and women's basketball teams will tip off their 1999-2000 seasons with another wild "Late Night with Pat & Jerry," scheduled for Friday, Oct. 15, at Thompson-Boling Arena. Admission is free. There will be games, give-aways, contests and autograph sessions leading up to the stroke of midnight. Then both the men's and women's basketball teams will play short scrimmages.

Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions

Tennessee will once again host the twelfth annual Coca-Cola Tournament of Champions at Holston Hills Country Club in Knoxville Oct. 10-12. Fifteen teams, including Tennessee, North Carolina State, Alabama and Virginia, among others, will compete for team and individual honors. Admission is free. Contact the Marketing office at (423) 974-1734 for more information.

The Dasani Volunteer Village

This conglomeration of games, vendors, live entertainment and good food did well. For the Auburn and Georgia games, it will move a little closer to the Stadium. The Humanities and Social Science lawn area (across from the Torchbearer) will host this growing event for these two games, beginning three and one-half hours before kickoff for each Tennessee home football game.

Come see what all the hubbub is about. Papa John's and Chick-fil-A provide food, Tennessee provides other souvenirs, several live bands, including Tall Paul and Dave Landeo provide entertainment, and Dasani provides several inflatable games and other types of competitive interactive sports challenges for Vol fans of all ages.

—Steve Sams

HAYWOOD HARRIS...

Women, Television & Social Barriers

One of the few benefits of growing "long in the tooth," an otherwise mostly inglorious process, is that you are occasionally invited to express your thoughts about passing years.

A few weeks ago this veteran typewriter jockey was quizzed concerning the most profound changes he has observed in college football away from the playing field.

The obvious answer is the proliferation of television organizations, which allows us to watch football non-stop on Saturdays from noon on into the next morning. It's around-the-clock saturation. The true addict realizes it's time to go to bed only when San Diego State trots onto the field against Hawai'i on ESPN2.

But as far as change that takes into account the greatest impact on society, my answer is - and hold onto your hats - women. Yes - women. No don't get me wrong. Women, bless their hearts, haven't changed. They're still the same delightful and unfathomable creatures they've always been. It's simply that they have become almost as big a part of the college football audience as men.

If you doubt the change, take a look at an old photograph of a UT crowd at Shields-Watkins Field back in the 1940s or '50s. What you see is row after row of males, docked out in the fashion of the day, coat and tie. Scarcely a woman is in sight. Now take a look around your seat today, and you will note there are about as many gals as guys.

I think I know how this evolved. In the late '50s and early '60s, televised football came into its own. Men couldn't believe the good fortune technology had brought them. They could sit down in their living rooms on Saturday to watch a college game and then tune in again on Sunday afternoon to see the Redskins play the Eagles. The fact it was all in black and white didn't bother them.

The ladies saw what was happening and kept their peace. But not for long. They mobilized. Operating on a timeless theory - if you can't beat 'em, join 'em - they boned up on football, discovered how much fun the game was and proceeded to join the crowd Saturday afternoons at the stadium.

As they historically do in matters which they become involved, the women soon put their own stamp on the college football experience. I like tailgate parties. You like tailgate parties. Well, where do you think they came from anyway? Certainly not from the mind of man.

In the old days, before television gave us women fans, a football game was fun but not much of a social event. A guy would call his best pal and they would load into a car and away they went to the stadium. If they were so inclined they might stop off at the neighborhood tavern on the way home, but that's about as far as the socializing went.

How different it is now! Owing to the graciousness of women, tailgating today means more than fried chicken and ham sandwiches. On your way into the stadium for the Georgia and Auburn games, just get a sniff of the culinary aromas as you cross the campus.

What's giving off that wonderful scent? Is it lasagna or enchiladas? A pot of chili or pasta salad with chicken? Whatever it is, it's not just hamburgers and hot dogs.

While you're at it, take a peek at desserts. Chocolate chess pie. Italian cream cake. Bread pudding, New Orleans style. We even spotted somebody preparing bananas foster the day of the Wyoming game.

The tempting concoctions in most cases reflect a woman's touch. Who'd want to do without it? Next time you enjoy a tailgate party, thank your lucky stars for your blessings, whether you're devouring deviled eggs or just a cheese sandwich. And give credit to the television coverage that broke the sociological barriers and converted women into fans, as loyal in their support of the Vols and as knowledgeable of the game as the men who accompany them.

The crowds in collegiate football are ever changing, as women are not only attending more games, but are as enthusiastic and as knowledgable as some men.

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Jamal Lewis...

Making a Comeback

He was on top of the of the college football world. He was coming off being named National Freshman of the Year, and his team was coming off an SEC Championship.

He had already rushed for 357 yards through three games and had helped lead his team near the top of the national rankings. Then in the fourth quarter of the Auburn game on the first Saturday in October 1998, Jamal Lewis' season came to a screeching halt.

The play was simple enough. Lewis took a pitch to the right and turned upfield. He came up limping and went to the sidelines after the play.

On Tennessee's next possession, he was back in at tailback. He again took a pitch to the right and turned upfield. After breaking into the Auburn secondary, Lewis saw two defenders coming after him. He planted his foot to cut back and fell down. That 21-yard gain was to be the last for Lewis in 1998. His season was over. Nine more wins and a national championship were awaiting Tennessee. Rehabilitation was awaiting Lewis.

"I felt the pop when I made the first cut," Lewis said in the weeks following the injury. "Then the cornerback came up and ran through it. I knew something was wrong, but I had never been hurt before."

The diagnosis was torn ligaments in his right knee and the end of the 1998 season for him.

"You sometimes think you'll never get hurt because I had never been hurt before, but it can all end in one play," Lewis said. "It hurt to sit and watch my team play. I never thought about it before because I took the game for granted. But, sitting there hurt, I learned how much I loved the game."

Through the first three quarters, Lewis showed why he was considered one of the best running backs in the nation.

He staked the Vols to an early 14-0 lead against Auburn when he scored on Tennessee's first offensive play of the game. He took a handoff and raced 67 yards for a score.

As the game progressed, Lewis continued to pick up yards and had 119 yards on 17 carries before the season-ending play. Then the beginning of the fourth quarter marked the end of the season for Lewis. Tennessee eventually won the game 17-9, but uncertainty surrounded the Vols as to who would step in and replace Lewis.

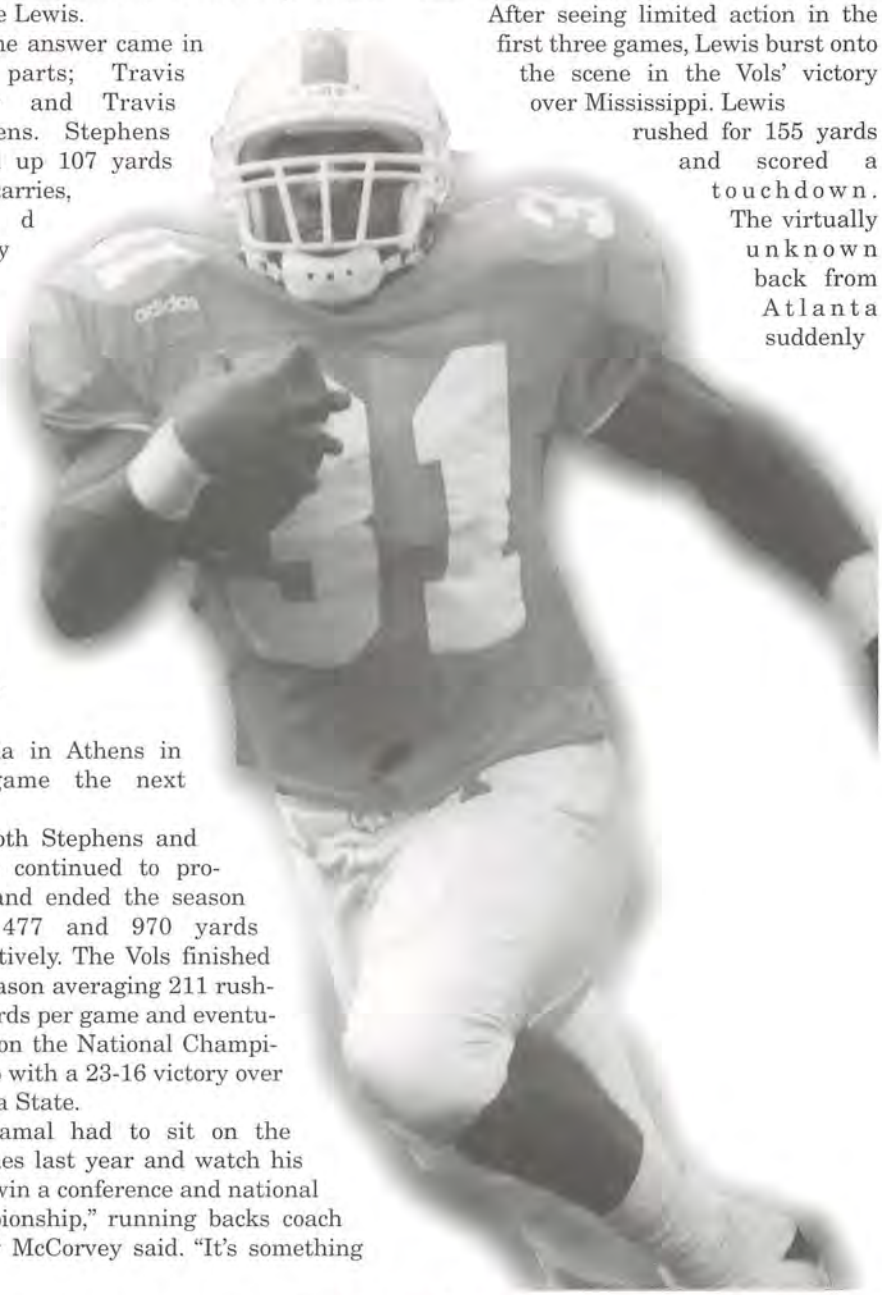
The answer came in two parts; Travis Henry and Travis Stephens. Stephens racked up 107 yards in 20 carries, and Henry added 53 yards in the Vols' 22-3 victory over Georgia in Athens in the game the next week.

Both Stephens and Henry continued to produce and ended the season with 477 and 970 yards respectively. The Vols finished the season averaging 211 rushing yards per game and eventually won the National Championship with a 23-16 victory over Florida State.

"Jamal had to sit on the sidelines last year and watch his team win a conference and national championship," running backs coach Woody McCorvey said. "It's something he's never mentioned. But deep down, I'm sure he feels like he has something to prove this year."

Lewis believed he had something to prove as well. He wanted to regain the form that led to 1364 rushing yards in his freshman season. That season is one Vol fans will certainly remember.

After seeing limited action in the first three games, Lewis burst onto the scene in the Vols' victory over Mississippi. Lewis rushed for 155 yards and scored a touchdown. The virtually unknown back from Atlanta suddenly



became a household name in Big Orange Country.

"The difference was No. 31. I don't know where he's been," then Mississippi coach Tommy Tuberville said in 1997 after the 31-17 Vol win at Neyland Stadium. "We couldn't tackle him, but a lot of other folks won't be able to tackle him either."

Then the next week, Lewis made his name known throughout the South. He rambled for 232 yards the next week in the Vols' win over Georgia. He earned SEC Player of the Week honors for his performance and firmly entrenched himself in the Vols backfield.

His single season yardage total was second in school history behind Jay Graham's 1438 in 1995. He was named to the SEC All-Freshman team and ranked 14th nationally in rushing yards per game. He totaled 127 yards in the SEC Championship game and was named the Vols' Most Valuable Player in the Orange Bowl.

All was well with Lewis.

Lewis continued his stellar play in 1998 until the injury. The next 11 months would be a trying time for him.

Lewis began rehabilitation with the same drive that made him one of the nation's top backs. He sat out spring practice and continued to get ready for the 1999 season. Lewis was ready when fall practice began, so the question became how well the knee would hold up to contact. Lewis thought he might be hesitant on it, but was comfortable with it after the Vols' second scrimmage.

It was tested more than anyone wanted when Lewis was being tackled and he took a hit from safety Fred White. The knee took the hit and twisted.

"We were all concerned at that moment," offensive coordinator Randy Sanders said. "But the hardest part to any injury is sometimes the mental part. I think when Jamal got up that he felt pretty good about things."

The endless hours of rehabilitation were over, fall practice was over and the season was upon Lewis and the rest of Vols. Wyoming was on the horizon. The game was set for 7 p.m. Sept. 4.

Jamal Lewis has gained over 2000 yards faster than any back in Tennessee history, and he needs just under 800 yards to take sole posession of first place in career rushing yards held by James "Little Man" Stewart.

"It was a long day. I couldn't wait for kickoff to come," Lewis said. "I just walked around, memorized the plays some more, and just tried to kill the rest of the time. I was ready to play. I was hungry."

Lewis showed how hungry he was on the Vols' first offense play. He took the handoff from Tee Martin, started left, cut back to his right and gained 21 yards. He finished the game with 159 yards and three touchdowns. His career yardage jumped to 2020, making him the seventh back in UT history to rush for over 2000 yards. He did so in 17 games, becoming the fastest Vol to reach the mark.

"I didn't even think about the knee," Lewis said. "I was just out there running on it, happy to be back, doing what I do best.

"It felt really good just to get back out there. I didn't expect to get that many carries (25). The first run got me back in rhythm. I felt good after that."

Lewis' performance left an impression with Wyoming coach Dana Dimel as well.

"To me, Lewis is the most talented running back in the country -- unequivocally," Dimel said after the game.

Dimel was only saying what Phillip Fulmer and the rest of the folks in Big Orange Country already knew.

"He is as big and fast as any of the backs I've been around," Fulmer said. "He is as elusive as any of them and is as good a receiver as any of them. He's a fabulous player."

Through two games this season, Lewis has racked up 258 yards and five touchdowns, thus showing everyone he's back. And back with a vengeance.

—Rob Hardin

Year	Rushing	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Receptions	Yards	Avg.	TDs
1999*	47	258	5.5	5	2	17	8.5	0
1998	73	497	6.8	3	1	16	16.0	1
1997	232	1364	5.9	7	23	275	12.0	2
	352	2119	6.1	15	26	308	11.8	3

*Two games

Faces in Big Orange Country

This Bessimer City, N.C. native is in his third year with the defending national champions,and he is looking to make a name for himself. **Phillip Crosby** spent one year at Coffeyville Community College before transfering to UT. Once here he made an immediate impact, only to have that set back by a knee injury that cost him his 1997 season. In 1998 Crosby was a back-up behind the talented Shawn Bryson, but he did manage to carry the ball 16 times for 53 yards and two scores. This past spring he was in a duel with teammate Will Bartholomew for the starting tailback spot, which he earned. He is a fierce blocker and a hard-nosed runner who is tough to bring down in the open field. Crosby is a urban studies major.

Now in her sophomore campaign for the Lady Vol soccer team, goalkeeper **Ellen Dean** has already picked up where she left off last season. As a freshman, the Memphis, Tenn., native assumed the starting role by UT's fifth game and back-stopped head coach Charlie MacCabe's to a school-record 12 victories and a berth in the SEC Tournament. This fall, she registered triumphs over Auburn and No. 16 Alabama to help the Orange begin league play 2-0 for the first time. In the 3-1 conquest of the Tide, Dean saved a penalty kick to preserve the win and was selected to Soccer America's 11-member "Team of the Week" for here efforts.

In her rookie campaign at Tennessee, freshman volleyball player **Kelli Scott** has paid immediate dividends for the Lady Vols this season. The Peoria, Ariz., native began her UT career as a starter and registered a 13-kill, seven-dig effort against Radford on Sept. 1. She established career highs in digs (18) and kills (23) versus Kansas (Sept. 18) and San Francisco, respectively. This season she is averaging 2.63 digs and 2.42 kills per game. After 11 matches her 92 kills were tops among Tennessee freshmen. Scott plans on majoring in sociology.

"In terms of potential, the words impact player have already been attached to Will," as stated in our 1999 media guide. **Will Overstreet**, Jackson, Miss., has made great strides to be a force on the defensive front for the Vols. In 1998 Overstreet played in all 13 games, registering 14 tackles and two sacks. This season he has already improved upon those numbers. He has registered 14 tackles and two sacks in just two games. Overstreet was rated by the Jackson-Clarion Ledger as the states (Miss.) No. 1 prospect, and he earned MVP honors in the Mississippi private schools all-star game. Overstreet is also a fine prospect in the classroom, where is a former National Merit finalist.

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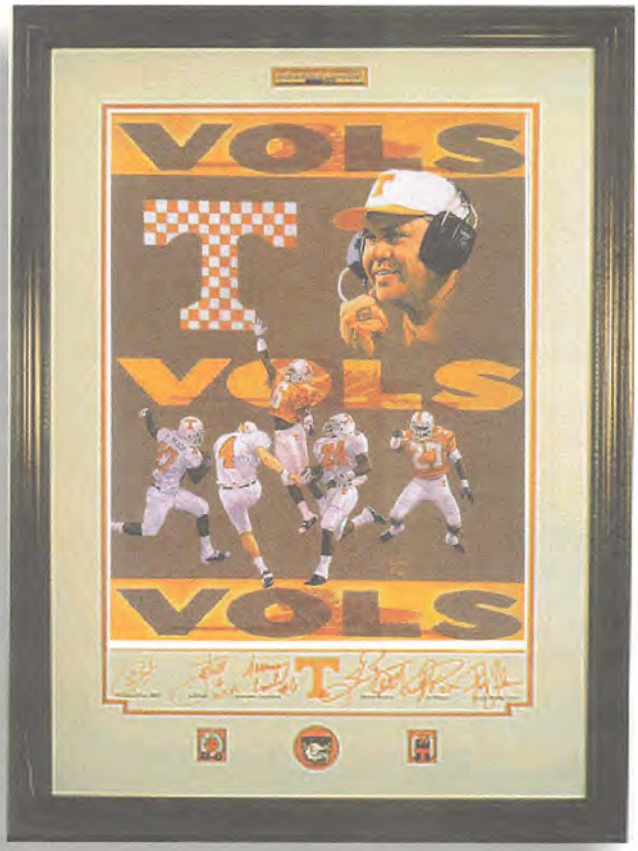

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The Last Word...

TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA 30 YEARS AGO

The Tennessee-Georgia game each year gets the attention of both sets of fans and, to understand why, you have to go back a few years, back into the 1960s when the Vols and Bulldogs started squaring off for the first time in over 30 years. This year, it all happens Oct. 9.

The series had an auspicious beginning with the famous 17-17 tie on the new Tartan turf on Shields-Watkins Field.

That was the game the Vols scored eight points after the final horn (Bubba Wyche to wideout Gary Kreis for a 21-yard TD pass and Wyche to tight end Ken DeLong for the two-point conversion). That was the beginning.

The next year the Vols traveled to Athens, Ga., for the rematch and, in another classic, took a 17-3 win on the way to the national crown.

The date was Nov. 1, 1969, and the venue was Sanford Stadium in Athens. Tennessee was 5-0 and, just two weeks earlier, has taken the measure of Alabama by 41-14 at Legion Field.

Before Alabama, the Vols had defeated Chattanooga, Auburn, Memphis State, and Georgia Tech. It was an exciting team to watch offensively and featured All-America linebackers Jack Reynolds and Steve Kiner, the latter a 1999 College Football Hall of Fame selection.

It rained that day in Clarke County and that's putting it mildly. Georgia fans were after Vol fans, in a pleasant way of course, from the get-go, as Vol fans were taunted with cries of "Dog food, Dog food" as they entered the stadium. Things were a bit quieter late in the day, as you'll see momentarily.

Regardless, when the Vols and Bulldogs squared off on the field, the game was a doozy, despite the weather. It was 64 degrees at kickoff and the wind was from the east at 10-15 miles per hour. A crowd of 59,781 was right there for the proceedings and were in full roar from the beginning.

The Vols managed to come out of a disaster-laden first period trailing only 3-0 and dominated play the rest of the way to take the victory. It was Georgia's first home field defeat since 1965.

A succession of fumbles and punts that took a Georgia bounce indicated a potentially rocky road ahead for the Vols as they struggled in the opening 15 minutes.

But the Big Orange, led by running backs Curt Watson and Don McLeary, began to penetrate the highly-regarded Bulldog defense in the second period and score twice to take a commanding 14-3 lead by intermission. George Hunt knocked home a 38-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to cinch things at 17-3.

The running attack was so impressive with either Watson or McLeary running that Georgia broadcaster Larry Munson noted on more than one occasion that "Tennessee just gives it to the big fullback and he just drives it up the middle as the Vols head to the bookstore."

That was Munson's way of saying the Vols were moving to the west goal of Sanford Stadium, to your left as you watch on television.

Tennessee had a solid defensive effort all day, but the afternoon belonged to Watson and McLeary as the Crossville-Jackson connection each rushed for more than 100 yards, Watson for a school-record 197, McLeary for 100. Curt carried 19 times on the day and his yardage mark obliterated Tom Tracy's 192-yard effort set against North Carolina 15 years earlier.

On just a miserable day between the hedges at Sanford Stadium, Tennessee lost an early fumble at the UGA 15 and Vol defenders fought the foray to a field goal in a major defensive victory.

Midway in the second quarter, Tennessee began at its 44 and moved goalward quickly. McLleary got loose for 15 yards, quarterback Bobby Scott gained 8 and 7 and wideout Lester McClain caught a 23-yarder to get it close. After Scott was stopped for no gain, McLeary scored from the 6 and, with Hunt's PAT, it was 7-3, Vols.

Mike Jones, who played quarterback, tailback and defensive back during

The 1969 SEC Championship team. Curt Watson is No. 31, Jack Reynolds No. 64, Bobby Scott No. 10, Phillip Fulmer No. 65 and Lester McClain No. 85. How many other famous Vols can you find. Let us know.

Steve Kiner led the Vols defensively in 1969 and was a two-time All-America selection. He is a 1999 College Football Hall of Fame selection.

his time at Tennessee, intercepted a pass on the first play of the ensuing series and the Vols had it at the UGA 27.

Watson ran for 13, McLeary for 6 and Scott for five, before Curt rammed it in from the 3. It was 14-3 and, with the weather and the Vol offensive line becoming more of a factor by the minute, the Vols were in the catbird's seat.

The teams rocked through a scoreless third quarter, before Watson,starting from the Vol 11, escaped for 49 yards down the far sideline, putting the Vols in position at the UGA 41. Scott found tight end Gary Theiler for 8 and Hunt knocked in a field goal from 38 yards to seal the deal.

It was a day for the Tennessee offense, led up front by Chip Kell, a two-time Jacobs Award winner (1969-70), Mike Bevans, Joe Balthrop, Steve Robinson and Don Denbo. Not to mention a sophomore lineman named Phillip Fulmer. The Vols had 386 yards rushing on 61 carries.

Doug Dickey was impressed with his team's effort en route to a 6-0 record. "Our team had great effort today and our offensive line did an excellent job of coming off the ball and opening some big holes," Dickey said. "We had bad field position in the first quarter. Our offense got moving late in the second quarter and I was proud to have the lead at the half.

"Bobby Scott did a good job operating the team. It was wet and neither team could do much outside. We were getting good blocking and kept running up the middle.

"The defense played another good game to keep Georgia pinned back in the second half. It was a great team effort, the kind we have been getting all year."

The Vols finished 9-1 that regular season and won the SEC title. The Vols returned to Sanford Stadium in 1972 and took a 14-0 decision in another solid effort, albeit under better weather conditions.

When you watch the Vols and Bulldogs play each year and marvel at the intensity the series engenders, think back to the games in the late 1960s, long before any of today's players were even born and you'll see where it all began.

One final note. Here's a perspective on the game from someone who played in the game and now has stewardship of the Vol football program.

Phillip Fulmer, then a sophomore guard for the Vols, was asked to pen his thoughts on the 1969 for the 1970 Volunteer, the student yearbook and here's what he said, following his analysis of the win over Alabama:

"Our next game was against Georgia, and we knew they were a threat to our SEC title. In preparation for georgia, we did a lot of running because they were a small team.

"It rained before the game and therefore the game was a slow one. But the muddy field hurt them more than it did us because the mud cut down on their speed.

"We won, but the score could have been worse had it not been for the penalties and the muddy turf. I thought I played well although I didn't play as much as I usually had up to this game. Coach Trail told us that this was our best game, but we still had room for improvement."

That's it about Tennessee and Georgia from a look back 30 years ago this fall. Vol football is still as exciting and is still a vital part of the lives of Tennessee people, however you define that term. Things haven't changed that much over the years and aren't you glad of it?

—Tom Mattingly

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